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SUBJ: AUGUST RETAIL SALES SLIGHTLY DOWN FROM JULY

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS ADJUSTED PROVISIONAL FIGURES PUT AUGUST RETAIL SALES AT \$NZ369 MILLION (\$US 1 EQUALS \$NZ .9768). THIS IS A DECREASE OF 7 PERCENT BELOW JULY BUT 15.1 PERCENT ABOVE AUGUST 1975.

2. THE GROUPS SHOWING THE LARGEST INCREASES WERE THE GROCER AND DAIRY GROUP (21.8 PERCENT), HARDWARE, BUILDERS' HARDWARE, PAINTS ETC. (21.3 PERCENT) AND DRUGS (20.6 PERCENT).

3. COMMENT: ON THE BASIS OF THE INCREASE IN THE CPI OF 17.2 PERCENT BETWEEN THE SEPTEMBER 1975 AND SEPTEMBER 1976 QUARTERS, THIS WOULD INDICATE THAT THERE WAS AN ACTUAL NET DECLINE IN THE VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES DURING THE YEAR. WITH THE CPI INCREASE AVERAGING 3.2 PERCENT FOR SEPTEMBER QUARTER, OR ABOUT THE RATE OF 1 PERCENT PER MONTH, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE RATE OF DECLINE IN RETAIL SALES MAY HAVE ACCELERATED

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SOME DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1976.

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